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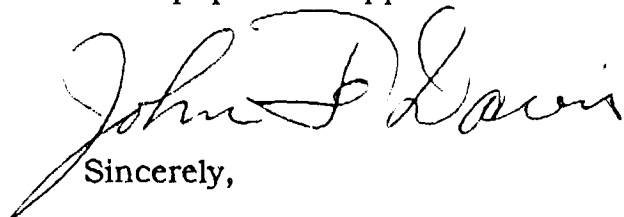
Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my disagreement with the lawsuit that was brought against Microsoft by the federal government. While the antitrust case has been dragged out way too long, I am glad to see that a settlement has finally occurred.

The concessions seem fair and reasonable and I am confident that they would probably have occurred anyway without the government's interaction, because I believe the government should stay out of free enterprise's business and let them weed out their own problems. Under the terms of the settlement there will be increased relations with computer makers and software developers which is a good thing for the IT industry. There will also be a three-person committee to monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement. These represent to concessions that show Microsoft is looking out for the best interests of the public and themselves.

The question is whether or not the government is looking out for our best interests. The nine states holding out seem to be grandstanding their own political agendas instead of trying to help our ailing IT sector. I urge your office to help quell the opposition. IT is time for this matter to end.



Sincerely,

John Davis

cc: Senator Rick Santorum